

REMARKS

Claims 14, 16, 17, 19, 22, 23 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as not being enabled. Specifically, the Examiner points to the claim language “data signal comprises new datum.” Applicants do not believe that there is an enablement issue. The Examiner did not quote the complete claim language. For example, claim 14 recites “indicating to the receiving entity that the data signal comprises new datum.” When read in context, the claim language clearly refers, in conformance to the teachings of the specification, to a synchro signal being transmitted to indicate a new datum with respect to the data signal line.

Applicants further note that the nature of the Examiner’s Section 112 rejection is not fully understood. The Examiner did not object to claim 2, for example, which recites the “synchro signal indicating to the receiver block that the data signal on the first line comprises a new datum.” This language is similar to the “data signal comprises new datum” language rejected by the Examiner from claim 14.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and in an effort advance prosecution, Applicants present some clarifying amendments to claims 14, 19, 22 and 25.

Claim 14 has been amended to recite “the synchronization signal indicating to the receiving entity that data in the transmitted data signal is new data.” This language conforms to the teachings of the specification.

Claims 19, 22 and 25 have been amended to recite “wherein the synchronization signal is active whenever data in the data signal on the first communication line is new data.” This language conforms to the teachings of the specification.

Applicants have made an effort to amend claims 14, 19, 22 and 25 to address the Section 112 issue raised by the Examiner. As the application otherwise appears to be ready for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss the “new datum” or “new data” claim language and resolve any issues.

Applicants submit that the application is now ready for allowance.

No fees are believed to be due at this time, however Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees that may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 07-0153.

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